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1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL WITH
JOHAN H.DAHL, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE
NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. DAHL SAID NORWAY IS IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH U.S.
POSITIONS. NORWEGIAN DELEGATION HAD ALREADY DEPARTED
FOR DAC DISCUSSION,BUT DAHL WILL TRY TO RELAY U.S.
POSITIONS TO NORWEGIAN DELEGATION.

3. DAHL REPLIED TO REFTEL AS FOLLOWS:

A. NORWAY AGREES THAT SUFFICIENT PROGRESS WAS MADE
AT SEP 22-27 MEETING TO PAVE THE WAY FOR SUCCESSFUL
MEETING FROM OCT 27-31 IN ROME.

B. NORWAY SUPPORTS \$1 BILLION COMBINED GOAL. DAHL
ASSUMED THAT UNDER U.S. PROPOSAL OF \$200 MILLION WAS TO
BE SPREAD OVER THREE YEARS--PLEASE CONFIRM.

C. DAHL INDICATED NORWAY WOULD CONTRIBUTE AT LEAST
40MILLION KRONER(\$1.00-NKR 5.5) OVER A THREE YEAR
PERIOD.

D. NORWAY AGREES IN PRINCIPLE TO SMALL SECRETARIAT AND
USE OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN PLANNING,
DEVELOPMENT, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MOST REPEAT MOST
PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS AND WISHED IFAD TO BE A FUND AND NOT A
BANK. HE ALSO AGREED THAT CONTROL OF PROGRAMS WAS OF UT-
MOST IMPORTANCE.

E. IN GENERAL NORWAY SUPPORTS AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE
ONE COUNTRY/ONE VOTE CONCEPT NOT WEIGHTED VOTING. DAHL
MAINTAINED, HOWEVER, THAT ONE COUNTRY/ONE VOTE PRINCIPLE
WILL HAVE LITTLE AFFECT SINCE VOTING DIVIDED INTO GROUPS
(I.E., ONE-THIRD DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ONE-THIRD
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, ONE THIRD OPEC ON EXECUTIVE
BOARD.)

F. DAHL'S INITIAL REACTION TO MEMBERSHIP QUESTION
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AND OPERATING AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET WAS AGREE-
MENT WITH U.S. POINT OF VIEW.

G. NORWAY HAS NO STRONG FEELINGS REGARDING THE
SITE OF FUND AND WILL GO ALONG WITH MAJORITY.

H. GAHL MAINTAINED HE HAD NOT EXAMINED AMENDMENTS
CLOSELY ENOUGH TO GIVE ANY DEFINITIVE ANSWERS.

4. COMMENT: DAHL HAS JUST ARRIVED AT FOREIGN MINISTRY
FROM GATT NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA. HE, THEREFORE, OFTEN
STATED NORWEGIAN POSITION WITH "IN PRINCIPLE" QUALIFIER.
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